

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 8, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1173

Introduced by Senator Ortiz

February 4, 2004

An act to amend Section 22962 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to tobacco products.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1173, as amended, Ortiz. Tobacco products: self-service display.

The existing Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act is designed to reduce the availability of tobacco products to minors through sales restrictions and enforcement activities. The act prohibits the furnishing of tobacco products to, and the purchase of tobacco products by, any person under the age of 18 years and authorizes the assessment of civil penalties for a violation of the act. Specifically, the STAKE Act prohibits a person engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products to sell, offer for sale, or display for sale, cigarettes by self-service display, as defined.

This bill would broaden that prohibition by prohibiting a person engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products from selling, offering for sale, or displaying for sale, any tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia by self-service display. *However, the bill would provide an exemption to that prohibition for the display of cigars or pipe tobacco in a tobacco store, as defined, provided that the cigars are generally not sold or offered for sale in a sealed package of the manufacturer or importer containing less than 6 cigars. In the event of an enforcement action brought under the act, the bill would require the*

retail business that displays cigars or pipe tobacco in a self-service display to have the burden of proving that it qualified for the exemption.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22962 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 22962. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms
4 have the following meanings:

5 (1) “Self-service display” means the open display of tobacco
6 products or tobacco paraphernalia in a manner that is accessible to
7 the general public without the assistance of the retailer or
8 employee of the retailer.

9 (2) “Tobacco paraphernalia” means cigarette papers or
10 wrappers, pipes, holders of smoking materials of all types,
11 cigarette rolling machines, or other instruments or things designed
12 for the smoking or ingestion of tobacco products.

13 (3) “Tobacco product” means any product containing tobacco
14 leaf, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco,
15 snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, or any other
16 preparation of tobacco.

17 (4) “Tobacco store” means a retail business that meets all of
18 the following requirements:

19 (A) *Primarily sells tobacco products other than cigarettes.*

20 (B) *Generates more than 60 percent of its gross revenues*
21 *annually from the sale of tobacco products and tobacco*
22 *paraphernalia.*

23 (C) *Does not permit any person under 18 years of age to be*
24 *present or enter the premises at any time.*

25 (D) *Does not sell alcoholic beverages or food for consumption*
26 *on the premises.*

27 (b) Except as permitted in subdivision (b) of Section 22960, it
28 is unlawful for a person engaged in the retail sale of tobacco
29 products to sell, offer for sale, or display for sale any tobacco
30 product or tobacco paraphernalia by self-service display. A person
31 who violates this section is subject to those civil penalties specified
32 in the schedule in subdivision (a) of Section 22958.

1 (c) *Subdivision (b) shall not apply to the display of cigars or*
2 *pipe tobacco in a tobacco store, provided that the cigars are*
3 *generally not sold or offered for sale in a sealed package of the*
4 *manufacturer or importer containing less than six cigars. In any*
5 *enforcement action brought pursuant to this division, the retail*
6 *business that displays cigars or pipe tobacco in a self-service*
7 *display shall have the burden of proving that it qualifies for the*
8 *exemption established in this subdivision.*

9 (d) The Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or
10 a district attorney may bring a civil action to enforce this section.

11 ~~(d)~~

12 (e) This section does not preempt or otherwise prohibit the
13 adoption of a local standard that imposes greater restrictions on the
14 access to tobacco products than the restrictions imposed by this
15 section. To the extent that there is an inconsistency between this
16 section and a local standard that imposes greater restrictions on the
17 access to tobacco products, the greater restriction on the access to
18 tobacco products in the local standard shall prevail.

